

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **VICE CHAIRMAN SYLVIA BOOKOUT-REINICKE**, on
February 10, 2003 at 3 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)
Rep. George Golie (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Bernie Olson (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 530, 2/6/2003; HB 514, 2/6/2003
Executive Action: HB 412

HEARING ON HB 530

Sponsor: REP. RON ERICKSON, HD 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. ERICKSON introduced HB 530. This bill deals with transportation needs in growth studies. It is designed to make study groups look to the future when conducting growth studies.

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Proponents' Testimony:

Tim Davis, Montana Smart Growth Coalition, testified that this bill deals with local control and mandates that study groups must consider local input when making planning decisions.

EXHIBIT (trh29a01)

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Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners, told the story about the planning disaster involving the North 19th Street interchange in Bozeman, Montana. The plan did not take local community concerns and comments into consideration. This bill will make sure the Montana Department of Transportation consider local input in the future.

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Opponents' Testimony:

Jim Currie, Montana Department of Transportation. The Department has the responsibility of addressing the transportation needs for all of Montana. There are several professions involved in these studies and this bill could take authority away from the Transportation Commission and could resolve in a hodge-podge of highways in Montana. Our highway system must be adequate to handle the needs of all travelers.

EXHIBIT (trh29a02)

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Cary Hegelberg, Montana Contractors Association. MCA believes that the Department of Transportation already has a procedure in place to address the needs of all Montanans.

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Bryon Roberts, Montana Building Industry Association. We have got to stop looking at planning as a zoning map and look at it as a plan, that is designed by professionals with local input.

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Spook Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association. We ask that you do not pass this bill.

EXHIBIT(trh29a03)

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

REPS. GALLIK, WAITSCHIES, SMITH, and OLSON questioned the Sponsor and Tim Davis. They questioned the wording of the bill, the necessity for the bill and what issues a growth policy addresses.

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Closing by Sponsor:

REP. ERICKSON closed with an example of a growth management plan that is being developed in Missoula.

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HEARING ON HB 514

Sponsor: **REP. PENNY MORGAN, HD 21**

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MORGAN introduced HB 514. This bill deals with transferring ownership on older vehicles. Ownership could be transferred by bill of sale, sheriff inspection or title transfer. Many collector cars have no title, the owner is deceased, no one knows who last held the title to the vehicle.

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Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

Brenda Nordlund, Montana Department of Justice, explained that in its present form this bill will not work. She requested additional time to meet with the sponsor and make some suggestions and amendments to make this bill workable.

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REP. MORGAN closed HB 514. The committee will allow additional testimony after the corrections are made.

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 412

Motion: REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE moved that HB 412 DO PASS.

Motion/Vote: REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE moved that HB 412 BE AMENDED. Motion failed 4-8 with REPS. GALLIK, GOLIE, KEANE, and WILSON voting aye. REP. BALLYEAT did not vote.

EXHIBIT(trh29a04)

Motion: REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE moved that HB 412 DO PASS.

Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. DEVLIN made a substitute motion that HB 412 BE TABLED. Substitute motion carried unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:35 A.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (trh29aad)